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TAGS: EFIN, MT, NATO

SUBJ: MALTA: ITALIAN PROPOSAL ON SPECIAL PAYMENTS

REF: USNATO 3206

1. WE AGREE ENTIRELY WITH U.S. POSITION ON ITALIAN PROPOSAL

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OUTLINED PARA 7 REFTEL AND APPARENTLY SUPPORTED BY ALL

OTHERS INVOLVED. WE RECOMMEND THIS POSITION
BE MAINTAINED SINCE U.S. WOULD BE THE FIRST VICTIM
AND INEVITABLY COME UNDER MINTOFF'S GUNS.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN
MINTOFF ROARS THE ITALIANS TEND TO CRUMBLE, AND IN THIS
CASE THEY WISH TO ANTICIPATE AND THEREBY AVOID ANOTHER
ABRASIVE EPISODE. WE SHOULD ALSO EXPECT THAT THE
ITALIANS WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND SOME WAY TO SWEETEN THE
POT AND OUR PROBLEM IS TO HAVE ANY SUCH ACTION DIS-
CONNECTED AND AS FAR REMOVED AS POSSIBLE FROM SPECIAL
PAYMENTS.
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